

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 6-9 and insert in lieu thereof new claims 10-13, as follows:

C ~~6~~ 10. A process for ^(cleansing) ~~deterging~~ contact lenses during their use, which comprises applying on the ocular surface an ophthalmic preparation comprising one or more physiologically acceptable viscosity enhancing agents in aqueous solution having a non-Newtonian rheological behaviour and one or more physiologically acceptable nonionic surfactants, wherein the viscosity enhancing agents is hyaluronic acid or its salts with alkali or alkaline-earth metals and the non-ionic surfactant is poloxamer.

B ~~7~~ 11. A process according to claim ~~10~~ ⁶, wherein said ophthalmic preparation further contains one or more agents for the adjustment of tonicity and one or more buffers.

~~8~~ 12. A process according to claim ~~10~~ ⁶, wherein said ophthalmic preparation contains sodium hyaluronate as viscosity enhancing agent.

~~9~~ 13. A process according to claim ~~12~~ ⁸ wherein said ophthalmic preparation comprises from 0.005% to 0.50% in weight of sodium hyaluronate and from 0.010% to 2.0 % in weight of poloxamer.